

A STUDY OF JOHN 15 & 1 JOHN



ABIDE IN CHRIST TO BEAR MUCH FRUIT



Lamp & Light

Your Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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# Nelcome/

I'm so excited that you are studying what it means to abide in Christ! The Bible is full of refences to abiding, or remaining, in Christ.

- This mini study is beneficial both to new believers and believers who already know and love God's Word. It is designed to last 4 weeks.
- I use an ESV Bible, feel free to use any translation, but wording may differ.
- Great to do individually or with a group.

The daily time involvement for this study is about 10-15 minutes, at the most.

If reading the Bible feels like eating veggies something you know you need, but aren't always
excited for, I hope that by the end of this study
you'll feel like God's Word is a dessert!

"How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" Psalms 119:103

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### Day 1: Read John 15

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I. Who is the true vine?
What are we as believers referenced as?
8. What must we do to bear fruit?
Day 2: Read 1 John 1
. Why do we proclaim what we have seen and heard? (v.3)
. God is: (v.5)
. Write 1 John 1:9
Day 3: Read 1 John 2
Who is our Advocate to the Father?
How do we know that we have come to know Him? (v. 3)
Write 1 John 2: 6

#### Day 4: Read 1 John 3

1. What are we called? (v.1)





#### Day 5: Read 1 John 4

1. Who is greater? (v. 4)

2. How did God manifest His love for us?

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### Abiding Thoughts

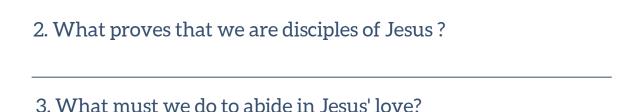
Thank you so much for completing week 1! I hope you are starting to see a theme emerge and feeling equipped to abide. Our lives will bear much fruit if we remain in Jesus.

The word that is translated to "abide" is the Greek word "ménō". It is a verb! Abiding in Christ is an action. It isn't something we passively do. We must daily seek to stay in His presence and to obey His commandments. Go out and abide friend!



#### Day 1: Read John 15

1. What happens to branches that don't abide?	(v. 6	)
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### Day 2: Read 1 John 5

- 1. Who has been born of God?
- 2. How do we show love for God and His other children? (v.2-3)
- 3. Write 1 John 5:4\_\_\_\_\_

### Day 3: Read 1 John 2

- 1. Can we hate our brother and still be in the light? (v.11)
- 2. How is loving the world is different from loving our brother? (v.15)
- 3. Write 1 John 2: 17 \_\_\_\_\_

#### Day 4: Read 1 John 3







### Day 5: Read 1 John 4

1. What are we testifying to? (v. 14)

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3. Write 1 John 4:15

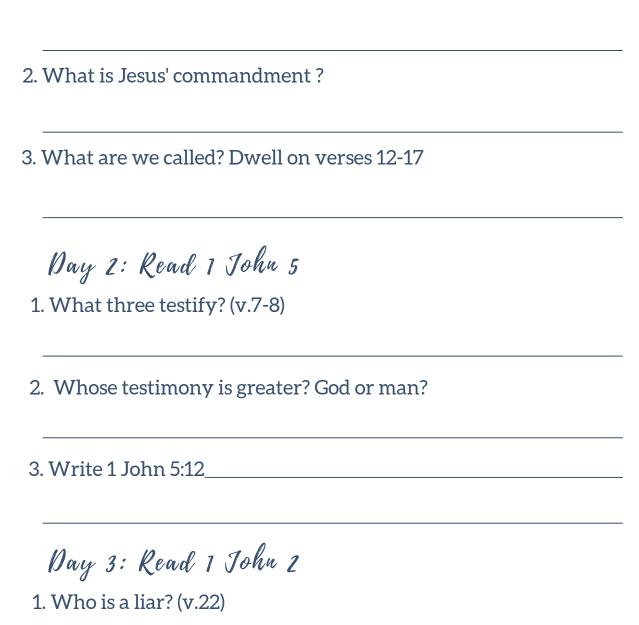
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Sin is a heavy topic. Yet, speaking openly about God's expectations of us gives us stability and assurance of abiding in Christ and being in the light! Although addressing sin and looking at our assurance as children of God is a weighty matter, it should bring joy, light, and love into our lives. My hope is that when you experience that you will have a passion not just to abide, but to share the gospel and produce fruit for the Kingdom of God that will also abide!



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2. Can you deny the Son but still have the Father?

3. Write 1 John 2: 24

#### Day 4: Read 1 John 3

1.	What	should	not s	surprise	us?	(v.13)
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2. Ho	ow do	we	know	love?
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#### Day 5: Read 1 John 4

- 1. What is the connection between love and abiding? (v. 16)
- 2. What do we have confidence for?

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#### Abiding Thoughts

Abiding in Christ gives us confidence. It gives us active purpose right now and confidence for the future. We don't have to walk in fear or in deception because God's perfect love abiding in us casts fear out! What a promise. We can focus our energy and attention on loving our family in Christ well, and making sure our love for what the world has to offer doesn't cause us to loose our focus and fail to be a fruitful and abiding branch. We can have hearts full of joy knowing that God has given us His Spirit as a guarantee and a helper!

Day 1: Read John 15
1. Is there a chance of us being hated? By who? (v.18)
2. What would make the world love you?
B. Do you feel prepared to endure persecution? (v. 20-25)
Day 2: Read 1 John 5
1. Why are these things written to us? (v.13)
2. What confidence do we have? (v.14-15)
3. Write 1 John 5:21
Day 3: Read 1 John 2
1. What abides in us? (v.27)
2. What is the instruction in v. 27?
3. Write 1 John 2: 29



1. How should we love? (v.18)





#### Day 5: Read 1 John 4

1. Why do we love? (v. 19)

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#### Abiding Thoughts

A very clear distinction is drawn between us as believers and the world. It is a hard thought to know that we may encounter a time in our life when not everyone loves us or agrees with us. If this is something you really struggle with, I encourage you to dig into Jesus' ministry and watch how he handled persecution. One of the things that sets us apart from the world is our love for one another. Love that is shown not just in word, but in action. The action of obeying God's commandments and the action of loving our brothers and sisters in Christ by meeting real needs when we see them.



# Final Connections

Wha	at connections did you make between 1 John and John 15?
 . Loo	k at John 15:4 and 1 John 4:15. What parallels do you see?
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. LISU	practical ways you can abide in Christ and bear fruit.

#### Final Abiding Thoughts

Thank you for completing this mini study! My prayer is that you will have an excitement to abide in Christ. I hope that you will continue the study habits you have created. I hope that you will begin to have a contagious love for Jesus and for the Bible! Abide in Jesus.

Let Jesus abide in you.

Abide in the Vine (Jesus).

Abide to bear fruit.

Abide to avoid being tossed.

Let Jesus' Words abide in you.

Abide in Jesus' love.

Go and bear fruit that abides!

# Make it a Group Discussion

Ideally, have one person who leads by asking these questions.

Feel free to share answers to questions in the study, and ways God is speaking to you through it. Make any other connections to Scriptures outside of the study text too!

#### Week 1

Does abiding is Christ come easily to you or is it a struggle?

Do you view Jesus as an advocate for you? Have you experienced this?

The Holy Spirit is given as a sign of abiding. Do you feel like you have been filled with the Holy Spirit? If not, let's pray for that to happen!

#### Week 2

Was it as surprise to you that unfruitful branches will be tossed out? If bearing fruit proves we are Jesus disciples, how can we bear fruit? Do you see a difference in our relationship with those in the world versus our relationship with other believers? Do you experience this? Does talking about/thinking about sin make you uncomfortable?

#### Week 3

Have you experienced fullness of joy through Jesus? Look up Abraham being called a friend of God in James 2:21-24 Draw connections between that and John 15:12-17.

Actions speak louder than words. When have you seen a brother or sister in need and loved through action?

Do you feel confidence when you think about standing before God?

#### Week 4

Persecution. Are you ready for it?

Do you feel like worldly people love you?

Look back at 1 John 2:27. Does this surprise you?

What are some ways you can love in deed and truth?

What was your favorite chapter we studied?

What was your favorite parallel between John 15 and 1 John?



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abide

in me, and I in you.

As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it

Abides

in the vine, neither can you, unless you

Abide

in me

John 15:4

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God Whides in him, and he in God.



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cards to memorize
John 15:4
and 1 John 4:15.
Tips for memorizing:
Read
Write
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Place where you'll see
Say again and again!

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